

**REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2009**

**The North Providence School Committee met on March 25, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Leva and Mrs. Picard. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio and Mr. Henneous. Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Celona, Ms. Donoyan and Mr. Milazzo were present for the public session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and carried to recess the regular session and convene Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 and 5 for the purpose of Obtaining Legal Advice re: RIMIC Contract, Personnel, and Budget Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws 42-46-5. The Chair, by open call, polled the present Members of the Committee who voted unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose stated.**

**The regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. into regular session as a result of unanimous vote of the Members of the Committee to adjourn**

**the Executive Session and reconvene into open session.**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The Chair called the meeting to order.**

## **II. SALUTE TO FLAG**

**The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.**

## **III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The Chair next reported out that there were no votes taken in Executive Session. She added that any person to be discussed has been notified in advance and that they may request such discussions be held in open session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a).**

**The Chair next stated that if there was no objection from the Committee, the Recognition items would be moved up on the Agenda.**

**Hearing no objection, the Chair turned the meeting over to the**

**Superintendent.**

## **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT \*Moved Up - OK**

### **1. Recognition – Mrs. Granato**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recognized and congratulated Mrs. Kim Granato on being named as RI Assistant Principal of the Year for 2008/2009. She spoke about the award being bestowed upon her by the RI Association of Principals. Mrs. Granato accepted the award and congratulations were offered.**

## **VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT \*Moved Up - OK**

### **1. Recognition – N.P.H.S. Swim Team, N.P.H.S. Wrestling Team, N.P.H.S. J.V. Basketball Team, and Middle School Boys Basketball**

**Members of the teams received certificates of recognition, congratulations and applause.**

**Next, the Chair excused the members of the audience who wished to leave and waited a few minutes for them to exit.**

**Next, the Chair returned to the original Agenda format.**

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Chair reported that the Committee had not received any correspondence.**

#### **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **2. SALT Report – Birchwood School**

**Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the SALT visit at Birchwood School in January 2009. She next turned the meeting over to Mr. Ferrara for his report. Mr. Ferrara spoke about the visit that took place the week of January 12-16 and the SALT Report. The Chair offered Mr. Ferrara and his team congratulations and asked the teachers to stand to be recognized and congratulated.**

##### **3. Field Trip Requests.**

**Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted and in accordance with School Committee Policy.**

##### **4. Home Schooling Requests.**

**Ms. Donoyan recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the Home Schooling Request as presented.**

## **5. Monthly Financial Report.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the February 25, 2009 Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the February 25, 2009 Financial Report as presented.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the March 20, 2009 Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to approve the March 20, 2009 Financial Report as presented.**

## **6. School Calendar 2009 - 2010.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano submitted the calendar for the Committee's review. She added that there will be changes added to the calendar and it will be submitted to the Committee next month for approval.**

## **7. Presentation – Curriculum Changes at NPHS.**

**Mr. Goho gave a brief presentation highlighting the curriculum**

changes and School Spring. Discussion took place regarding the proposed changes. Members of the Committee offered comments and suggestions. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to approve the curriculum changes.

## **8. Presentation – School Spring**

Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the School Spring Presentation. She recommended trying the program for two years. She added that the cost of the program will be taken out of the technology funds. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano to approve the proposal. Lengthy discussion took place with respect to the proposal. Members of the Committee spoke about possible options for using the Town's website instead of spending money on membership for School Spring. Further discussion took place and members offered comments and suggestions. Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Marciano withdrew their motion. Discussion was tabled for the purpose of obtaining additional information and legal advice. Mr. Cataldi moved the question.

## **9. RIMIC Information.**

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the RIMIC information be revisited at the next meeting after the attorneys meet to review questions regarding the contract. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to revisit the

**RIMIC issue next month.**

## **VI. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

### **3. Full Day Kindergarten – Mr. Palmieri.**

**No discussion on this item.**

### **4. Child Care Update – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri and Ms. Leva reported that the surveys came in and a report would be presented at the next meeting.**

### **5. Agenda Sequence – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri spoke about adding a Public Comments section before the School Committee Reports. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and unanimously carried to place Public Comments before the School Committee Reports to comply with the existing By-Laws.**

### **6. Bi-Monthly Meetings – Mr. Palmieri.**

**Mr. Palmieri recommended that the Committee hold bi-monthly**

meetings through June 2009 to cut down on the length of the agenda at one meeting and to change the meeting time to 7:00 p.m. The Chair expressed concerns with the additional cost of advertising additional meetings. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to amend the By-Laws to reflect the change of meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and to add bi-monthly meetings through June of 2009 as needed.

#### **7. Monthly Financial Report – Mr. Palmieri.**

No discussion on this item.

#### **8. By-Laws/Resolution Revisions – Ms. Leva.**

The revised By-Laws/Resolution format is contained in the packets and will be starting in April. Mr. Marciano asked about the need for resolutions on innocuous motions. Ms. Leva felt that the Committee voted on all motions being in the form of resolutions.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to approve the revised format.

### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments and opinion were received on Agenda Items 3-5.



## **VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

### **1. Night Sports at NPHS – Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Zammarelli.**

**Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Zammarelli identified themselves and spoke about the agreement regarding the lighting situation. The Chair outlined the agreement submitted to the Committee. Comments were received by Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Zammarelli and clarification was given. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to accept the proposed agreement regarding the use of the High School Field by the League.**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.**

**There were no bids received.**

**2. Consideration of Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence; Dismissals; Layoffs; Non-Renewals; Layoff Rescissions; Appointments/Other.**

#### **A. Resignations.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignations submitted by Allen Garzone – Varsity Boys' Tennis Coach – North Providence High School Effective June 30, 2009; Allen Garzone - Senior Class Advisor – North Providence High School Effective June 30, 2009; John Schultheis – Science Olympiad Advisor – North Providence High School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year; Harold Smith – Cross Country Coach – North Providence High School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year; Harold Smith – Boys' and Girls' Swimming Coach – North Providence High School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year; and Harold Smith – Boys' and Girls' Track Coach – North Providence High School Effective at the End of the 2008/2009 School Year.**

**Motion by Mr Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the Resignations as submitted with regret.**

#### **B. Retirements.**

**There were no retirements received.**

#### **C. Leaves of Absence.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Leave of Absence requests for Lori Compagnone – MS Reading Specialist – Birchwood/Ricci Middle Schools for Unpaid FMLA Effective March 9,**

**2009 through June 5, 2009; Lori Lussier – Teacher – Grade 1 – McGuire School for Paid Medical Leave Effective April 17, 2009 through June 12, 2009; Matthew Moniz – Technology Education Teacher – Ricci Middle School for Military Leave Effective April 10, 2009 through April 19, 2009; Matthew Moniz – Head Girls' Softball Coach – Ricci Middle School for a Leave of Absence for One Year Only Effective April 9, 2009; Matthew Moniz – Head Wrestling Coach – Ricci Middle School for a Leave of Absence for One Year Only Effective April 9, 2009; and Anne marie Vale, Ph.D. – Teacher – Grade 4 – McGuire School for Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 2, 2009 through May 29, 2009 (Mr. Iannetta commented on the Vale request that the dates were off and that the request states that it is for March 3 – March 20, 2009 and asked the Superintendent to check into the correct dates.)**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and unanimously carried granting approval to the Leaves of Absence Requests as presented.**

#### **D. Appointments.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointment, which was voted on as follows:**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mr. Cataldi and**

**unanimously carried granting advice and consent to the appointment of Crystal Bozigian – Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Assistant Coach – North Providence High School Effective March 26, 2009.**

#### **E. Tenure.**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant Tenure to the following teachers: Miriam Badger – Ricci School; Rita Cellucci – N.P. High School; Tanya Deanseris – Marievillle; Holly Fulgham – McGuire/Greystone; Kevin Geremia – Ricci; Ann-Francis Hamill – N.P. High School; Cynthia Meagher – Centredale/Greystone; Bethany Pothier – N.P. High School; Ryan Clinton – Ricci; and Madonna Thompson – N.P. High School.**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried granting Tenure to the teachers as presented.**

#### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard and unanimously carried to send a joint communication from the entire Committee to the Administration requesting payment information on the \$225,000.00 state capital improvement reimbursement money that we should be receiving.**

## **XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve the Use of Property Requests as submitted.**

## **XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to approve and pay the March 2009 List of Bills in the amount of \$717,882.20.**

**Mr. Palmieri asked the Chair for clarification on the cost for Legal Counsel to review the School Spring Proposal.**

## **XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to accept the Minutes of the February 25, 2009 Regular**

## **Meeting and Budget Presentation of the North Providence School Committee.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and unanimously carried to accept and seal the Minutes of the March 25, 2009 Executive Session and keep closed under R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 42-46-5.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to accept and seal the Minutes of the February 16, 2009 and February 17, 2009 Executive Session and keep closed under R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and accept the Minutes of the February 16, 2009 and the February 17, 2009 Meetings of the North Providence School Committee.**

**Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and unanimously carried to accept the Minutes of the March 4, 2009 and March 5, 2009 Budget Meetings of the North Providence School Committee.**

## **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7-12**

**Members of the audience offered comments Agenda Items 7-12.**

## **XV. PENDING BUSINESS**

**There being no pending business, the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.**

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mrs. Picard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margie Caranci,  
Recording Secretary of the North Providence  
School Committee**

**Date Submitted to Committee: April 17, 2009**

**Date Approved by the Committee: April 22, 2009**